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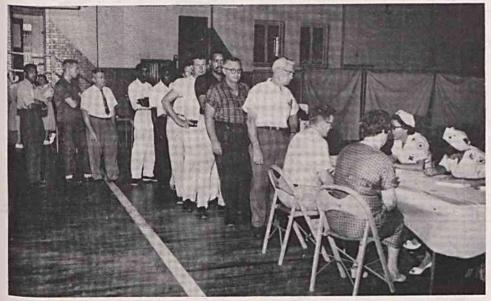


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Early donors line up to register before giving blood on Bloodmobile's visit to Leaksville July 18. A large percentage of those who gave blood were employees of the Bedspread and Karastan mills. More pictures on page five.

Leaksville Employees Aid In Blood Program

Bloodmobile Collects 136 Pints; Majority Of Donors Are From Bedspread, Karastan Mills

Employees of the Bedspread and Karastan mills had a prominent part in the successful visit of the Bloodmobile to Leaksville July 18, when 136 pints of blood were donated.

The Bloodmobile was stationed at the Armory for the convenience of those who live or work in Leaksville. Although donors also came from Spray, Draper and outlying areas, a majority of those donating blood were employees of the Bedspread Mill and the Karastan Rug Mill.

Fourth Visit This Year

It was the Bloodmobile's fourth visit since the Tri-Cities began participation in the Piedmont Carolinas Blood Program. This includes two visits to Leaksville and one visit each to Spray and Draper.

The Bloodmobile is scheduled to make a return visit to Spray Monday, September 11 and to Draper Monday, November 13. The announced quota for each of the forthcoming visits will be 142 pints.

The over-all quota for the six visits in 1961 is 850 pints, an amount considered adequate for the needs of the peo-

ple in the Tri-City area. The program is running slightly behind its quota to date but it is expected that the small deficit will be made up during the remaining visits.

Ben Dunton, assistant purchasing agent at Fieldcrest, who is the local Bloodmobile chairman, expressed his (Continued on page eight)

Sheeting Mill Running After Halt Due To Flood

The Sheeting Mill resumed operations at 11 p. m. last Wednesday after being closed for three days due to water damage.

Flash floods on Friday and Sunday caused water to rise in a basement room containing large electric motors and control panels for the mill's air conditioning system. The equipment was completely submerged, necessitating extensive cleaning and drying operations.

No estimate was given of the damage, although Company officials said the greatest factor was the loss of production while the mill was idle. Work was begun immediately on additions to the walls of the room to safeguard the equipment from any recurrence of flooding in the future.

Plans Are Announced For Fund Campaign

Preliminary plans for the Tri-City Community Fund campaign to be held early in October have been announced by William B. Lucas, Company attorney, president of the Community Fund.

Mr. Lucas said participating agencies will submit their budget requests by August 14, after which the budget and admission committee will hold a series of meetings with representatives of the various agencies.

The committee will then make a recommendation to the Fund's board of directors concerning the amount to be raised in the drive.

Mr. Lucas announced the appointment of Richmond R. Roberts, treasurer of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., as chairman of the budget and admission committee, and of Robert M. Wall, Leaksville insurance man, as campaign chairman.

Organizations that benefit from the Community Fund include the Boys Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Consolidated Central, Draper, and Henry Street YMCA's, Red Cross, Rescue Squad, Retarded Children and Salvation Army.

Fifield Is Speaker At ITT Cotton Seminar

Stiles R. Fifield, vice president, purchasing, addressed a seminar at the Institute of Textile Technology at Charlottesville, Va., July 19, on the subject, "Economic Changes in Cotton Purchasing."

Mr. Fifield devoted a part of his talk to a discussion of the government's increased support price for cotton, which will go into effect August 1. He pointed out that the net effect of the new support price is to increase the price of cotton a minimum of 3% cents per pound for average grade and staple.

He showed that the new export subsidy gives a further advantage to foreign manufacturers who pay wages of from 15c to 20c an hour and who will now be able to buy U. S. cotton 8½ cents a pound cheaper than American mills can buy the same cotton.

Approximately 70 cotton buyers, cotton classers and fiber laboratory technicians from mill companies throughout the southern states attended the seminar.